



HARRIS INCIDENT

Fact Sheet



Friday, October 26, 2007 9:00 a.m.
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Joint Information Line: 619-590-3160

Incident Name: Harris **Inc. Number:** CA-MVU-010427 **Location:** Potrero, San Diego County

Command Team: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team 9 is in Unified Command with the U.S. Forest Service, San Diego City, Chula Vista, San Miguel and Bureau of Land Management.

Incident Start Date & Report Time: October 21, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.

Incident Type: Wildland Fire **Acres:** 84,300 Acres **Cause:** Under Investigation

% Containment: 20% **Estimated Containment:** 10/31/07 **Cost to Date:** \$5,800,000

Fatalities: 5 civilian **Injuries:** 7 firefighters, 21 civilians **Vehicles/Equipment Destroyed:** 1 Fire Engine

Structures Destroyed: 155 Residences; 2 Commercial Properties; 17 Outbuildings/Other

Structures Damaged: 250

Structures Threatened: 1,500

Resources: Hand Crews 28 Dozers 4 Engines 149 Air Tankers 3 Helicopters 9
Water Tenders 20 Overhead Personnel 169 **Total Personnel:** 1,341

Significant events: The fire jumped a portion of Lake Barrett posing an immediate threat to life and property in the communities of Lawson Valley and Carveacre forcing evacuation orders for these communities. Yesterday evacuation orders were lifted for the Western Jamul region as well as the area from Otay Lakes Road to Pio Pico Thousand Trails, allowing residents to return home.

Major problems and concerns: Fire behavior remains active in old and extremely dry fuels. Heavy fuels and steep terrain on the northern edge of the fire will present few control opportunities. Structure protection will continue in Lyons Valley. Many resource orders will remain unfilled due to competing incidents in the Southern part of the state. Fire commanders will continue with contingency planning which could include secondary dozer lines as well as potential evacuations in threatened communities until containment is obtained.

Road Closures:

Highway 94 at SR-188
Highway 94 at Otay Lakes Road
Highway 94 at Melody Lane
Highway 94 at Steele Canyon Road
Highway 94 at Millar Ranch Road
Highway 94 at Rancho Miguel
Highway 94 at Highway 54
Highway 94 2 miles east of Harris Ranch Road

Highway 94 at Honey Springs Road
Jamul Drive at Fowler Canyon Road
Skyline and Lawson Valley
Skyline and Lyons Valley Road
Lyons Valley at Japatul Valley
Lyons Valley at Honey Springs Road
Melody Lane and Proctor Valley Road

Evacuations: The following areas are currently under an “Evacuation Order”: Lawson Valley, Carveacre, Potrero, Barrett Junction, Engineer Springs, Dulzura, Deerhorn Valley, Indian Springs and North Jamul.

Evacuations Lifted: The “Point” in Spring Valley. Otay Lakes Road to the Pio Pico Thousand Trails and the Western Jamul region.

Evacuation Centers: The Red Cross has established the following evacuation centers for those displaced by the Harris Fire:

Santana High School - Santee
9915 Magnolia Ave
Santee, Ca
Status: Space Available

Mt. Miguel High School
8585 Blossom Lane
Spring Valley, Ca
Status: Space Available

Steele Canyon High School
12440 Campo Road
San Miguel, Ca
Status: Full

Campo Community Center
976 Sheridan Road
Campo, Ca
Status: Full

Additional Messages: San Diego County website has established at <http://sdcplu.org> to provide information of the ongoing private property damage assessments. Other evacuation areas will continue to be evaluated and reopened as soon as it is safe.